

ver, Ind., July 25, 1894. To them were born three sons, the eldest having preceded his mother to the spirit world. She leaves a mother, brother and one sister, a husband and two sons to mourn her departure. Tho a great sufferer she bore all with the love of Christ in her heart. She kissed her friends goodbye and told them not to weep for her because she was going to see Jesus. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Baptist church in Denver, Ind., Sep. 20, 1899. L. W. DITCH.

MUSSER.—In the Berlin congregation Somerset Co., Pa., Sept. 15, 1899, sister Elizabeth Musser wife of deacon Jacob Musser, Sr., aged 74 years, 9 months and 28 days. Her maiden name was Smucker, by her first marriage her name was Saylor. Her first husband died while they lived in Falls City, Neb. She was a very consistent member of the church and died in the hope of a blessed immortality. May the Lord sanctify the bereavement to the good of family and friends. We pray the benedictions of our heavenly Father to rest upon our dear aged brother in his declining years. Funeral services by the writer assisted by brother J. L. Kimmel. Meyersdale, Pa. JOHN H. KNEPPER.

College Notes

Perhaps the readers of the EVANGELIST will be glad to read a few lines from the College. I meant to write to you last week but I was so very busy. Busy? I never had so many things to do in so little time before.

Well, to begin, let me tell you of the enrollment. The first day we enrolled 28 and by the end of the week we had 33. The second week the enrollment reached 39. And at the beginning of this third week we have 46 regular students enrolled. We have thus more students in attendance at the beginning of this year than we had altogether during last year. We can certainly be encouraged. But where are the students of the Brethren churches?

There are now enrolled 11 in the Bible class. Of this number 8 are young men who are preparing for the Brethren ministry. I shall be greatly disappointed if the church does not hear from these in the years to come. We are studying the Gospel History. It is a most interesting study. But few of us know the riches of this marvelous and ever-increasingly enrapturing story as told in the four Gospels.

Prof. L. L. Garber is again at work in his old time way. He has large classes and will do much in giving his students inspiration for better and higher living.

Prof. C. Orville Witter, our new professor, is also hard at work. His classes are starting in nicely. Brother Witter has quite a large class in beginning German. His main line of work however is in the Natural Sciences.

Mrs. Miller is teaching three classes in Latin, viz, beginning Latin, Caesar and Cicero. The Latin always occupies a prominent place in the education of our young people.

We are trying to make the College stand for the highest and best in life. We believe that the Christian cultured soul is the most highly cultured. We believe that the best life is the life of service. We believe that

life's greatest compensation and chiefest joy is in living and doing for others. Who will help make the College the power it can and ought to be? Who will help us in this most difficult and yet most important work of the church?

In very many ways you can help in this work. You can send to us students. You can take endowment pledges and thus help in the support of the work. You can assist the S. S. C. E. in the work undertaken to be of service to the world in supporting a Bible chair in the College. What will the result of the united effort along this line be? A College of which the whole church may be proud and thru it all the world blessed. I will be glad to answer any inquiries.

Respectfully,

J. ALLEN MILLER.

Goblesville, Ind.

We read with interest every issue, especially do we consider the editorials very timely and wholesome. We did not get to National Conference but rejoice to know that it was so harmonious. Sunday the 17th wife and I journeyed to the Brethren church near Roanoke and heard our veteran of the cross, brother W. J. H. Bowman, of Roann. This was the first time we ever heard Brother Bowman and we must say he speaks with considerable vigor for a man of sixty years. May the Lord bless him. Brother J. H. Palmer resigns his charge of the pastorate of the Roanoke church and they are now on the lookout for a new pastor. Brother Palmer will preach his farewell sermon the 1st of October. We hope the brethren will not be discouraged and will succeed in getting some one to break to them the Bread of Life.

B. L. GORDON, M. D.

Bryan, Ohio

Our work in this place is moving along nicely. We are looking forward with bright prospects for these churches. We now have regular prayer meetings in each church, Bryan and Bethesda. Our Sunday-schools are well attended considering the many other churches surrounding us. And one feature especially deserves praise, for it is evidence that there is an interest in the work, and that is the collections are far ahead of the number in attendance, comparatively speaking. In this feature we speak more especially of Bryan. However our collections are good at Bethesda.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 13, the home of the writer and wife was completely taken by surprise and having just arrived at home from a visit, made the surprise all the greater. They, like Mary of old who on the feet of Jesus poured her precious ointment, washing his feet with her tears, and wiping them with the hairs of her head, broke their alabaster boxes containing those things which are so needful for the support of the mortal body, thus filling the rooms with a fragrance that we shall never forget, and like Mary, at least in our minds, they have erect-

ed a memorial that shall never be forgotten as long as the Giver of all life gives us our right minds and right hearts. Thank you, brethren, and may your generosity be rewarded by stars being added to your crown which you may receive when you enter that eternal home.

Our harvest meeting was well attended, and we believe all enjoyed themselves and are ready for another. The accession, which has already been reported, we might mention has come from the Catholic church. May she have learned that Christ is not exalted by the much outward ceremony but by a life of obedience to the commands contained in his His word. S. B. GRISIO.

SERMON ECHOES

LOUIS S. BAUMAN

Dancing is the pastime of fools.

Ask great things of God. Go to little men for little things.

A church is a congregation cemented together. The cement of God is love.

Too many Christians have the "jerks" God wants Christians who abide.

The blood of Jesus Christ will at last commend or condemn every man.

It is every person's privilege to be a *Do ey* in the victorious fleets of God.

To the life hid in God, the death day is more to be desired than the birthday.

When we say, "A man is dead," the angels say, "A child is born."

Some folks that would like to run God's business don't know enough to run an apple-cart. Let God's plan alone.

Roann, Ind.

Sham Pathos

There is much of it. There are ministers, who in their sermons, exhortations and prayers, speak in tones calculated to draw tears from the hearer. The emotions they aim to awaken in the heart and soul of their hearers have no basis in their own life and character. What a solemn mockery it is to speak in "holy tones," when the heart does not feel the words the lips utter. We commend the following sensible words from the Christian:

What is more disgusting in a sermon or address than the sham pathos which manifests itself in "holy tones," in quavering voices, and in exclamations which are intended to awaken emotion in others which does not exist in the person who speaks? The sooner all this contemptible hypocrisy is cast away, the better. If a man's emotions are not quickened and aroused, let him not pretend to express feelings which he does not possess. Let men who speak be honest, frank, and sincere, and then their words will weigh. If they have anything to say worth saying, men will hear it, and if their thoughts awake emotions in themselves their words will doubtless awake emotions in others.

God's presence is the one indispensable requirement for success in work and worship.